GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3318
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WARDHA- NANDED RAILWAY LINE
Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have included Wardha-Nanded via Yavatmal-Pusad new line project in 2007-2008 Plan on (50:50) cost sharing basis;

(b) whether the Railways have taken up the matter with the Maharashtra Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present status of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. Railway had requested State Government of Maharashtra for cost participation to the extent of at least 50% in construction of this line. State Government has offered to share up to 35% to 45% of the cost by way of earthwork, ballast etc under National Rural Employment Program (NREP) and State Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS). State Government have been requested to share at least 40% of the cost as a special case in view of difficult conditions amongst farming community in Vidharbha region, without linking it with NREP and state EGS.